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Loop Troupe Prepares "That Pioneer Spirit"

By Stewart Smith

"This is a chance to show your real pioneer spirit," Joshua Needs (Jim Deterling) assures his wife, Edwina (Kim Barnes).

"Taking a bath brings back a lot of fond memories," recalls pioneer neighbour John Beastly (Jim Saunders). This was not part of the bath-tub scene, which is also a memorable part of the play being prepared by The Loop Troupe, of Wilberforce.

"You killed a spider - all by yourself?" asks the shocked mother of the bride, Sadie Goods (Hilda Clark).

But these are better than earlier days. "Dearie - this was 30 years ago. We didn't even have Hydro," recalls Susan Rich (Flo Elliott), an earlier pioneer bride.

Newlyweds Joshua and Edwina have made a conscious decision to go back to the land, and to a pioneer life-style. "This story takes place in a run-down farm house kitchen of the late 1940's or



"The thing from the bottom of the cistern." Joshua (Jim Deterling) holds it up, while neighbour Susan (Flo Elliott) explains the workings of cisterns, in this scene from "That Pioneer Spirit".

1950's. The incidents take place over the period of one year."

The play "That Pioneer Spirit" was written by Paul Tremere, of Beaverton, and is being produced by direct arrangement with him. He may be at one of the presentations. He has also turned out to be a relative of the Agnews of Wilberforce.

There are certainly adjustments when a city girl fresh out of University moves with

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Loop Business Ass'n

by Ann W. Smith

The Loop Business Association met at the All Star Cafe in Wilberforce on the evening of Wednesday March 13 with 10 people present.

Harry Dale as chairman and host began by stating the purpose of the meeting was to review the events of the recent Loop Winter Carnival, discuss its successes and failures, and gather

ideas for the 1997 Carnival.

A new sign advertising The Loop was on display. This is a very large sign designed and made by Andy Hillo to be put up beside the highway, perhaps near the junction of 121 and 648, although the location is still to be decided.

Once it is put up the Loop Business Association (L.B.A.) would appreciate hearing reaction and opinions from the public. It is hoped to have other signs in other places around The Loop.

REVIEW of WINTER CARNIVAL

An apology has been received from Sir Sanford Fleming College for the failure of the students to show up for the planned Snow Ball Tournament.

The dog show at

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Highland Grove Centre

By Stewart Smith

What is happening to Highland Grove Community Centre? Strange rumours are circulating through the community.

"No rumour; no threat," insists Doug Holman, Deputy Reeve of Cardiff Township.

Highland Grove Community Centre is owned and maintained by Cardiff Township, through the Township Recreation Committee.

The Township is spending in excess of \$18,000 per year to maintain the building and heat it.

Now, Doug Holman reports, the Recreation Committee has been asked to "look at the possibility" of clos-

ing off a section of the Highland Grove building. That is, should the Community Centre section be closed - part of the time - but the Library section left open?

Doug Holman asks if the Community Centre section could be "Segregated so that when it was not in use that we would not be faced with excessive utility bills...It is an electric heated building."

This sounds at first like closing off a section of a house in winter to save fuel costs. Except that this section contains plumbing and a newly renovated

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Figure Skating Carnival



Rachel and Renee Richard, guest skaters at the Monmouth Figure Skating Carnival, March 30 (see ad - page 7)

"Relatively Speaking" Bancroft Play

By Stewart Smith

"Ramblin' Rose" is the appropriate music at the beginning of the play "Relatively Speaking," presented last week

and this week in the Village Playhouse, Bancroft, by the Bancroft Theatre Guild. "Who can cling to a Ramblin' Rose?"

The play is fun - with gifted actors bringing an occasionally awkward

script to life, and entertaining their audience well. Do watch for the expression on the silent actor/actress while the other is speaking lines.

The audience enjoys being part of a multitude of secrets, in Alan Ayckbourn's lively play, while watching the characters on stage struggle to absorb the same information.

"First? Are there

more of you?" the proper but puzzled English housewife, Sheila (Linda Neary) asks the guest (Greg - Steven Martz) who has shown up in her garden without warning.

"I really think you ought to wear your hat when you're gardening," she frets over her husband, Philip (Don Hughes) and his mysterious

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World Day of Prayer Remembers Haiti



Wilberforce Ecumenical Choir leads the singing at the World Day of Prayer Service at the South Wilberforce United Church

by Ann W. Smith

The theme for the 1996 World Day of Prayer was "God Calls Us to Respond".

The service was prepared by the Haitian National Committee for the World Day of Prayer.

The Committee members contemplated the beauty of the natural world as well as of the love they have for one another. Thus they ask people to recall the responsibility we have been given by God the Creator to take care of, not only ourselves, but also everything that lives on the face of the earth.

The opening prayer of praise was followed by the hymn of praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".

The people confessed to not being responsible stewards of God's creation, to being indifferent and careless toward those who are hungry.

God's call to us comes in various ways. Some may be through our recognition of the indifference of society or the harmful use of wealth. The reading from Jeremiah 1:4-10 was an example of an Old Testament prophet receiving his call from the Spirit of God. Just as Jeremiah was given a difficult message for his people, the women of Haiti bring to our attention the urgency of the call for help from those who are in need.

Haiti has stood on the brink of disaster under dictators and the

violent suppression of human rights. Many homeless sleep in the streets. Children look for food in garbage piles.

Despite this they believe in Jesus

Christ who saves and will not abandon his children. They call Christians of the world to help them and to unite with them

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Haliburton County Information Centre

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Discussing Workers Compensation

By Dana Graham

In an attempt to further build the case of benefit cuts, Cam Jackson's Workers Compensation Board discussion paper asserts that the unfunded liability (UFL) assigned a \$4,000 debt for each new employee hired in Ontario (what does this mean?...The unfunded liability is still spread out among every employer covered in Schedule One). Also, 88 cents of the average \$3.00 assessment rate is now devoted to servicing the unfunded liability. However, the Board's research indicates that if it could find \$400 million annually to devote to the unfunded liability, the UFL would be retired in

2014. The experience rating off-balance and the Board's bad debts alone amount to \$263 million and \$173 million respectively, for a total of \$436 million.

The paper deliberately misrepresents the financial picture to justify the crisis the government wishes to create. Therefore, the 1995 data is omitted. The Board has already turned the corner financially and returned \$250 million to the investment fund in 1995, without doing anything about the experience rating off-balance or the bad debts! Jackson blames the growth in the unfunded liability on the indexing of benefits, Bill 162 supplements, the \$200 in Bill 165,

expansion of the system beyond work related injuries, the appeals system, external obligations (WH&SA, OWA, WCAT etc), high benefit levels and insufficient incentives for prevention or re-employment.

This again misrepresents the real picture, but is an impressive list designed for media or the uninitiated.

Jackson favours privatizing most functions of the WCB, leaving it as a "facilitator, standard setter and performance manager."

STEPS TOWARDS A RENEWED WC SYSTEM

Entitlement

Currently the test for entitlement to benefits is that the impairment must have arisen out of and in the course of

employment and the workplace must have made a significant contribution to the condition. The Act presumes that if the accident occurred in the course of the employment, it arose out of the employment. These are reasonable and fair guidelines which protect everyone from an overly litigious system.

The paper complains, however, that this test has been interpreted inconsistently by the Board.

As the nature of work changes, the nature of workplace injuries and disease changes.

Soft tissue injuries now comprise about one-half of lost time injuries. Increased medical knowledge has made clearer the link between

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Wilberforce Hosts Atom Tournament



"A" Champions of the Atom Tournament are the St. Andrew's team from Oshawa, here seen celebrating their 4 - 1 victory

By Stewart Smith

The Monmouth Arena, Wilberforce, was a lively place on Saturday, March 16, as the Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association sponsored an Atom Tournament.

Atoms are aged 11 and 12.

Six teams entered the tournament. They were put into two Divisions, where each team met the other two.

Division 1 had:
*Wilberforce;
*Haliburton; and
*North Minster (Oshawa).

Division 2 had:
*Bowmanville;
*Mariposa (near Lindsay); and
*St. Andrew's (Oshawa).

The tournament concluded with "C", "B" and "A" Championship games, in which all 6 teams were involved.

The "C" Championship pitted North Minster against Mariposa. It was a fast, active game, finally won by Mariposa Lightning, 9 - 4.

Most Valuable Players were:
*Kevin McLaughlin (Oshawa); and
*Mike Roddick (Mariposa).

The "B" Championship pitted Haliburton against Bowmanville Crows

Sports. Both were strong teams, who presented exciting hockey for their many fans and supporters.

Bowmanville won this Championship 3 - 1.

Most Valuable Players were:

*Cory Poole (Haliburton); and
*Dean Horvath (Bowmanville).

The "A" Championship pitted Wilberforce against Oshawa St. And-

rew's. The Oshawa supporters deserve praise for their organized and effective cheering.

Hardest worker in the game must have been the Wilberforce goalie, who stopped many shots on goal. Still, some got through, and Oshawa won the game 4 - 1.

Most Valuable Players were:

*Matthew Manary (Wilberforce); and
*Adam Kerr (Oshawa).

There were draw winners as well.

Ruth Vaughan won the lube, oil, & filter from Keaney Chrysler of Minden.

Harry Ablett won the Tooney stick from Sharples Sports of Haliburton.

Vicki Mott won the Easter Basket from Bowes & Cocks of Wilberforce.

Bill Mulholland won the Dinner for Two at Don & Ann's of Harcourt.

NDP Holds Public Forum

By Betty Lambeck

Hastings-Peterborough NDP members were the sponsors of a public forum held Friday, March 1, in Marmora.

The forum, entitled "New Directions for Ontario" was open to the public and attended by about 60 people. Frances Lankin, Minister of Economic Development and Trade from 1993 - 1995, and current NDP leadership candidate, was guest speaker. Local former MPP Elmer Buchanan also led the discussion.

The agenda for the evening was to focus constructive criticism of current government policies into meaningful ways for citizens to react and make their opposition heard.

Ms. Lankin opened the discussion by asking, "Has the Harris government led Ontario to the jobs and economic boom which was promised?" She continued, "Good economic management is a balancing act, and right now, as shown by 120,000 people travelling to Hamilton to protest,

and OPSEU workers walking picket lines, things are way out of balance."

Elmer Buchanan continued the opening remarks by observing that the theme underlying the Harris agenda centres around lowering wages, demoralizing organized labour, diminishing workers rights, privatization of public agencies - including those currently making a profit - and deregulation. This is hardly an agenda to help working people of Ontario.

Turning the meeting over to the floor, moderator, and NDP president Betty Hay Lambeck received comments and questions which were responded to by Ms. Lankin and Mr. Buchanan.

Jobs were a top priority, with one senior lamenting he is not worried for himself and his wife, as their pension is secure; but he worries that when his teacher daughter, his communications

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Highland Grove Lunch

By Stewart Smith

Wednesday, March 13 was Soup Day at Highland Grove.

Three kinds of delicious, home-made soup were offered to the 45 people who attended the Highland Grove Lunch. There was:

Cream of Potato, Vegetable Beef, and Split Pea.

Along with the large and filling bowl of soup came

a dinner roll, and dessert of jello and/or cakes of many kinds.

The next Highland Grove Lunch will be on Wednesday, April 10 - the first Wednesday after Easter. It will be in the Highland Grove Community Centre, with lunch available from 11:30 am to 1 pm. The menu will - as always - be a surprise.

Haliburton Economic Development Committee

By Stewart Smith

community Futures.

The Community Economic Development Committee, of Haliburton, held a public meeting in the Monmouth Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Thursday evening, March 7.

Bryan Brown, Coordinator, chaired the meeting. Andy Salvatori, Chairman, was also present.

Bryan Brown explained this and other groups, referring to a previous name of Com-

Now the Community Economic Development Committee, and Investment and Corporate Services (formerly Business Development Bank) are - as it were - two siblings living at home with their parent. The parent is the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Bryan Brown spoke of 6 Initiatives, with a sub-committee for each; and a Board which includes Hilda Clark [Monmouth], and Austin Fuhs [Bancroft].

The Community Economic Development Committee is holding public meetings in various parts of the county to hear the comments of local residents.

The Wilberforce meeting was well advertised - in the Minden Times. That brought several people from Bobcaygeon, who were "the life of the party."

One - maybe two - people came from

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EDITORIAL

By Stewart Smith

With talk growing loud again of amalgamating municipalities into larger globs, I should probably share some experiences that I have encountered.

My only hesitation is that this material is 20 years old. Some improvements may have been made since then. Yet the basic problem - human attitudes - has not changed.

"Bigger is Better" seemed to be the motto of the 1960's. My parents moved to Severn Bridge, south Muskoka, in 1966. They lived through the introduction of Regional Government, which joined their rural township with its neighbours, into the Regional Municipality of Gravenhurst. They were not disapproving. There were supposed to be benefits coming.

About 10 years later, I attended meetings of the Council of the Region of Gravenhurst, as owner of the Severn-Washago Mirror, predecessor - in a way - to the Cardiff Courier.

Here is what I found.

Most of three rural townships, and the town of Gravenhurst, had become one. The former townships were now Wards, each electing members to the Council. Gravenhurst, because of population, elected more Council members than all three rural Wards combined.

Gravenhurst returned many of its former Councillors, who noticed little difference in the new system.

They ruled for Gravenhurst - that is, the former Town of Gravenhurst. They even awarded a contract, stating in Council that they wanted it to go to someone local (in the former town), not an outsider (someone in one of the Wards).

The one change was financing. Gravenhurst had inherited a marvellous tax base. Former Muskoka Township had some of the best cottage real estate in Muskoka. Now the taxes from that were available for all sorts of embellishments for down town Gravenhurst. Rural (Ward) residents then had difficulty using the Gravenhurst facilities - they would be challenged and turned away at the door.

The rural Council members were always out-numbered, and out-voted, and always would be. They could only protest, like an Opposition party.

This Regional Government was a true Colonial enterprise. The Mother Land (the urban area) got the benefits. The Colonies (the rural areas) supplied much of the riches.

As I say, changes may have been made to the system. But changes have not been made to human greed. Nor do I see how such greed and exploitation could be prevented in such a Greater Region system.

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce**TALL TALES**

Long ago - long before Hi Tech came into being - the way of life was much different, especially in the country. There was very little traffic of any kind on the roads.

Walking was the way to get from one place to another; and people thought nothing of starting off to walk miles to their destination.

This was because they could make overnight stops along the way. They would be welcome at any neighbour's house they happened to be close to when it got towards evening. This was perfectly acceptable and their visit was enjoyed by all.

After any news was shared, it would be story telling time. Even if these stories were not always the Gospel truth, they were always entertaining.

For instance: This older man, a real teller of tall tales, told about the time he found a cub bear, which he kept for two years. People would tell him that bears could not be trusted, and some day this bear would turn on him. He didn't believe them because the bear would help him gather the cattle at night, and it followed him around like a dog.

However, he said that one day he was out hunting, carrying his rifle, and he tripped and fell down right in front of the bear.

And sure enough, the bear tackled him. Now he said if he hadn't had a pistol in each hand it would have killed him. And what do you think of that after having it for seven or eight years!

This is the same man who said he had

shot a hole in a humming bird as big as his fist.

It's best to have a good memory if you tell these stories.

Another man sent to Eaton's for a pair of skates and when they arrived he went down to the lake where the kids were skating. He put on the skates, and jumped on the ice. I guess he forgot he didn't know how to skate, because his feet flew up and he came down with a terrible thud.

When he was able to crawl to shore he took off the skates, and they were later raffled off to the highest bidder.

I think this was the same man who went to Bancroft in his later life to buy a car. During the test drive he ran off the road and hit a big rock. The man from the garage said, "Hell, man, you don't need a car. You'll kill yourself."

Another time, in town, a young fellow left his car in gear and it started to roll down the grade towards the railroad track. Before he could catch it, his father, who was closer, managed to jump in the driver's seat. The only thing was his father didn't know how to drive, and he stepped on the gas instead of the brake, and he took off right up the railroad track.

Many evenings were passed telling great stories; and young lads especially listened wide eyed. There did not seem to be any generation gap in those days, and people of all ages enjoyed each other.

It seems that these days no one has time to listen to stories, even if we could think of one.

Letter - The Federal Budget

The Liberals have just released a do nothing budget. At least, that is the word we get from Bay Street.

Mr. Martin had already announced last year the billions in cuts to transfer [payments to the provinces], to take effect this year and next. During this budget he announced more billions in cuts to take place conveniently after the next election.

What is left out ... is the problem.

There are no cuts to the "Corporate Welfare Bums."

A 1993 study found that Tax Expenditures for that year came to 90 billion dollars.

Let me give one example of a Tax Expenditure. In 1982 Mr. Martin (the Finance Minister) had a ship built for his company, Canadian Steamship Lines. The ship was the

"Atlantic Superior". It got a nine percent subsidy from the Canadian taxpayer (a tax expenditure).

Shortly after, he registered the ship in the Bahamas, thus avoiding the use of Canadian seamen who cost more, and Canada's health and safety laws.

The cost of Mr. Martin's offshore registered ships to the Canadian taxpayer was one million dollars in

lost revenues and unemployed Canadian seamen.

This sort of behaviour would be reprehensible enough for any corporate head. But for the Minister of Finance to offer as an example for the rest of us is a disaster.

Here is another. The money owed to us (the taxpayer) by corporations amounts to a whopping 40 billion dollars.

Shell Oil, for example, owes 891 million in deferred taxes.

At present this is interest free money. If we charged 8% interest the taxpayer would reap a handsome three billion per year.

If we in Canada can no longer afford social programs for the poor, the sick, and the elderly, it is only because all of the money is going to the rich.

- Paul Whittaker, Gilmour

"Relatively Speaking"

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babblings.

"A pair of alien slippers attach themselves to my toes," Greg had earlier stormed at Ginny (Jenise Crossing).

"Everyone else... thinks he's perfectly normal," Sheila frets, another time, about her husband. The audience may disagree.

Relatively Speaking played to audiences that were frankly too small, last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The play will be presented again this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (March 21, 22, and 23). I recommend it as light and enjoyable entertainment.

POLICE

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Saturday, February 24, police responded to a complaint of a break, enter and theft that occurred at Jan Woodlands, south of Bancroft.

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Tim Hortons Opens in Bancroft



Rolf Keller, Owner-Manager of new Tim Hortons in Bancroft, assists Reeve Lloyd Churchill in ribbon cutting ceremony while invited guests look on during the Grand Opening

By Ann W. Smith

The Grand Opening of Tim Hortons in Bancroft took place at 11 a.m. on Saturday February 24.

For the ribbon cutting ceremony owner Rolf Keller was joined by many people instrumental in the building of this attractive eating establishment on Hastings St. N.

Reeve Lloyd Churchill welcomed Tim Hortons to Bancroft on behalf of the town. He spoke of the establishment of a well known corporation such as this putting Bancroft on the map. He praised Tim Hortons for its great humanitarian work in the Province.

Others invited for this special occasion included Larry McCormick MP for Hastings/Frontenac/Lennox and Addington, Bill Golden and Sandra Mitchell of the Toronto Dominion Bank, contractor Warren Easton, Don Vance of the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce and Real Estate Agent Rod Malloy.

Tim Hortons was represented by Doug Anthony from the Head Office

and Chris Dejahan, Vice President of Operations.

After the cutting of the red ribbon everyone in the store - and in the community - was invited to enjoy a piece of the special cake that had been made for the occasion by Joanne Henderson. This was a large square sheet cake decorated on each of 4 sections to portray the 4 seasons of the year. The centre square was a winter scene with the words "Grand Opening". Summer had a fisherman in a boat. Autumn showed a deer and red leaves. Winter had

holly, a snowmobile and a snowman. Spring was represented by a Maple sugar shack surrounded by trees.

For opening Day customers were met by "Timbit" in the parking lot. Inside was "Little Rolf" the clown giving candies to the children.

There were many specials on the menu for the Grand Opening. For example, with 6 muffins customers were given 6 free donuts. Also, 1 slice of pie with a medium coffee was only \$1.99.

The first hundred Drive Through customers of the day

received a free Tim Mug. Most of these were gone by 11 a.m.

Bancroft's Tim Hortons has actually been open for business since December 10, 1995.

Rolf Keller came to Bancroft from Kingston where he was Manager of the Regional Office for Eastern Ontario.

The Bancroft establishment has 26 employees.

It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Keller emphasizes that it is a smoke free environment. This will attract many people who become ill when in the presence of tobacco smoke.

LOOP Association

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the Wilberforce School was good but small. There were many great prizes generously donated.

Successes included the Ice Castle, the Pancake Breakfast at the Harcourt Community Chapel, the Beef Supper at the Harcourt Community Centre and games for children organized by Andy Hillo.

Plans are starting early for next year.

One big concern was the cost of liability insurance. Gary Collins agreed to make enquiries about this.

Gary and his wife Pat brought detailed proposals for 2 more events that might be included next year. These are Snowshoe Tours and Cross Country Ski Tours. They suggested they could be tied in with the breakfast and/or beef dinner plans.

Another suggestion was progressive meals in the different communities in The Loop that could coincide with other events.

It was decided to have a membership drive for the Association. Andy Hillo agreed to plan a brochure to be sent to all the businesses from Gooderham to Highland Grove to tell

them what has been done, encouraging them to be active in the L.B.A. and showing them how participation in it can help their communities.

Most of those present at the meeting were from Wilberforce. Harry Dale apologised that he had not contacted the other communities so that they could be represented.

Bob Park reviewed the early history of The Loop Association which was begun by Don Favreau to promote the area. Interest eventually died down. The present Association was revived within the past year or 2.

The best time for the 1997 Winter Carnival was discussed. It was generally felt that a good weekend for it would be the same one chosen for the Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament. The Minor Hockey Association will be consulted about this.

The L.B.A. is in great need of a secretary.

The next meeting was set for Monday April 15 at 7 p.m. probably at the all Star Cafe.

Mr. Collins will bring a report on liability insurance and Mr. Hillo will bring his artwork for the brochure for approval.

Peewee Hockey Tournament

By Stewart Smith

The Peewee hockey Tournament was one of four held recently in the Monmouth Arena, Wilberforce, and sponsored by the Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association.

The Peewee tournament was played on Friday, March 15, and brought together 13 and 14 year old boys from four communities. Taking part were teams from:

*Wilberforce;
*Bancroft;
*Minden; and
*Ennismore.

The "B" Championship pitted Ennismore against Minden. Ennismore won this game, 6 to 4.

The "A" Championship pitted Wilberforce against Bancroft in a well played, close and exciting game. "It was a close game between strong teams. Either side

could have won," a spectator recalls. Wilberforce won the game and the championship, by a score of 4 to 1.



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Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

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He offhandedly commented, "Oh don't worry, I'll take it out in trade."

At the moment I did not know what he meant. But gradually I sensed what he was trying to say to me.

He left and I was in shock. I felt hurt, dirty, and embarrassed, and wondered how I would tell my husband what had just transpired.

I asked myself, "What have I done to make him think that he could talk to me this way?"... "What have I said?"... Was I immodestly dressed?"

My mind was racing and my questions seemed endless.

Amy, I am asking you if you or any of your readers have experienced a similar problem. Please help.

- Speechless

Dear Speechless:

I think that Canadian women, perhaps all women, need to be educated in this area.

The sex drive in the male species is the most powerful force known to man. God made it so in order that human beings would procreate and replenish the earth.

Gary Smalley in his book "Love Is A Decision" states that we could paint a large "CAPITAL 'T'" on the T shirt of every male under the age of forty. This "T" would represent the sex hormone which drives a man sexually. Mr. Smalley also says statistics prove that the average male thinks a sexual thought every 43 seconds. This being the case, my dear, you do not have to do anything, you just have to be there.

The sex drive itself is not wrong - as John Hagee, the well known American preacher would say, "God made sex. It was His idea. - Most of us are here because of it."

The Bible says, "Christ Jesus died so that he could give the church to Himself like a bride in all her beauty (Ephesians 5:27). What an honourable position the sex act must hold in God's situation that he would compare it to His relationship with us who are believers.

The Scriptures say that one evidence of the fruit of the Spirit is "self control". This means that when men and women commit their lives to Christ and are controlled by the Holy Spirit of God they are given strength to keep this tremendous force under control.

So, Dear Speechless, you can start to speak again. What happened to you is not your fault. It is the fault of a man who was not in control of his tongue, his mind, and his other organs.

- Sincerely, Amy

Would you like to discuss a problem with "Dear Amy"? You can write to her c/o Cardiff Courier, Box 99, Cardiff, Ontario. K0L 1M0.

Hospital Auxiliary Elects Executive

The Annual General Meeting of the North Hastings Hospital Auxiliary was held at 2 p.m. Monday March 11, 1996, in the Auxiliary Room at the Hospital.

President Betty Harrison welcomed the members and led in the Auxiliary Prayer.

Janet Griffin reported that there were 22 members present.

A Thank You note was sent to Carol Count-Johns of Sumac Hill Designs for the lettering on the new Opportunity Shop signs.

The Auxiliary received a thank you and receipt from the Hospital for the recent donation of \$5,000.

Treasurer Raeanne Reynolds reported that the book balance on February 29 was \$3084.60.

Janet Griffin reported a total of 476 volunteer hours worked during February. This included 148 in the Hospital.

Norma McCormick

reported in absentia that February receipts at the Opportunity Shop amounted to \$735. They are planning the annual half-price bag sale.

Betty Harrison reminded members of the Shamrock Tea to be hosted by the Bancroft Legion Ladies' Auxiliary on Saturday March 16. Proceeds go to the Hospital. [See report elsewhere in this paper.]

Betty thanked all those who had helped her during her term as chair of the Hospital Auxiliary. She especially mentioned Hazel Millage who so willingly and ably filled in as President during the busiest time of the year.

Betty turned the gavel over to the Hospital Administrator Donna Robinson who inducted the new executive.

The executive for 1996-98 is:

President Janet Wootton,
First Vice Barbara Anderson,

Second Vice Mona Bentley,
Treasurer Audrey Emery.

Margot Smith continues as Secretary.

The meeting proceeded with the new President Janet Wootton in the Chair. She presented Betty with a bouquet of flowers and expressed her appreciation to all those who readily accepted appointment to the many committees.

The time of the regular meetings was set at 2 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Janet introduced, as a fund-raising project, the collection of Canadian Tire money to be used for the purchase of gardening supplies and flowers.

A letter was read from Dr. Carolyn Brown on behalf of the Locum Housing for Visiting Physicians Fund. The auxiliary is being encouraged to present a welcome to

any physicians in the form of a welcoming gift (food basket) and friendly information about local services (library, etc.). The Auxiliary will look into the possibility of supporting this project through a financial donation towards rent of a house if it falls within its mandate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April Meeting - Monday April 15, at 2 p.m.

Spring Conference, Kingston - April 24th.

May Meeting - Monday May 13 at 2 p.m.

Fashion Show Luncheon - Friday May 25 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

June Meeting - Monday June 10 at 5 p.m., followed by a Pot Luck Supper at the home of Janet Wootton on Baptiste Lake.

Come earlier if possible for a boat ride on the lake.

Rose Day - June 13.

Haliburton Economic Development Committee

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Wilberforce, along with two people from the Courier, and one person from an area newspaper.

The rest of the 12 people present were from the Community Economic Development Committee.

All were presented with a question: "What Do You Believe Is Needed To

Make Haliburton County A Better Place To:

* LIVE
* WORK and/or
* OWN A BUSINESS.

We suspect that answers would still be welcomed. Address them to Bryan Brown, P.O. Box 210, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.

"I'm shocked at how many people don't really know where Haliburton

is," suggested one person. Suggestions for publicity, festivals, a Mentor program to link Seniors and Youth, and medical services were put forward.

"Is there enough accommodation [for visitors to a major festival]?" Bryan Brown asked.

There were comments about the benefits of having a major Conference Centre - as has been proposed for the Martin Building in Harcourt Township. There were also comments about time-consuming appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Copies of a Strategic Plan for August 1, 1995 to July 31, 1996 were circulated.

Our readers might contact Bryan Brown with requests for this multi-page document, as well as answers - as specific as you wish - to the general question posed.

Workers

Compensation

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the workplace and many occupational diseases.

Back injuries and chronic pain cases account for 30 per cent of permanent impairment awards and 40 percent of

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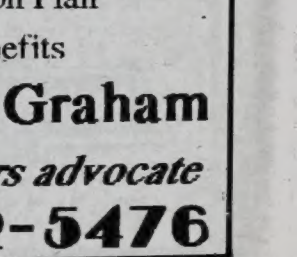
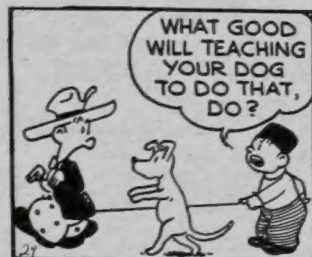
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Workers Compensation

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future earnings loss (FEL) awards.

Rather than dealing with these debilitating conditions, Jackson has declared that these are injuries and diseases with "uncertain causes." He wants to introduce certainly and predictability in costs to the adjudication process and offers a variety of remedies:

- * change the test to "caused by work" rather than out of or significant contribution;
- * change the test

to work being the "predominant cause";

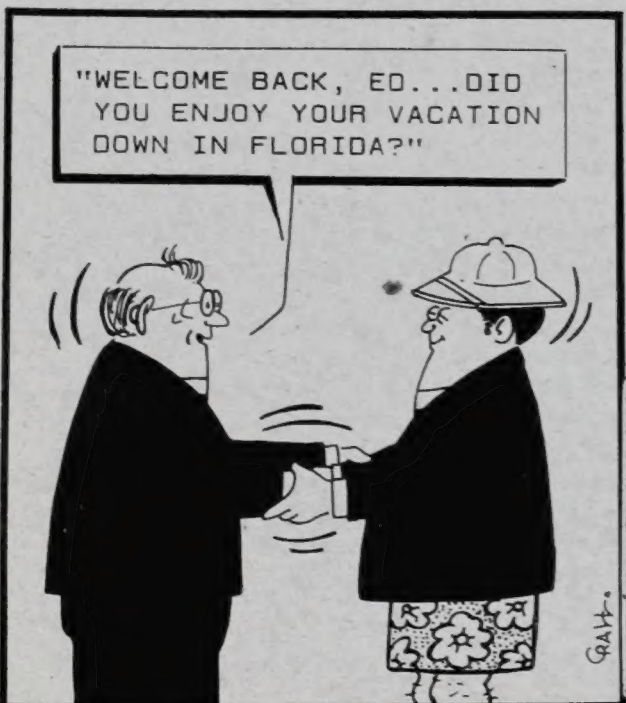
- * apportion the compensation payable for an injury which can have multiple causes;
- * exclude certain classes of injury or occupational diseases from the Act;

- * exclude certain classes of injury or occupational diseases by listing in a regulation.

All of the latter approaches are mean spirited and are designed to discourage claims.

Changing the test

"KEEP THE FAITH" by CRAIG



World Day of Prayer

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in prayer.

The guest speaker was June Devolin a former teacher and now a Bible Study leader in Haliburton.

Devolin followed the theme "God Calls Us to Respond" to the calls for help from the women of Haiti. She stated that the call demands our response. She called attention to the preface to the service pamphlet which gave information about Haiti and its history.

From the Old Testament she gave Moses as an example of a great intercessor. Even today we are called to support such spiritual leaders.

The battle is the Lord's but he uses us. We need to get down to serious intercessory pra-

yer.

She recounted the story of an Archbishop in the Philippines who preached prayer, fasting and repentance to oppose Makino. Thousands of Christians became foot soldiers for the Lord. As prayer groups grew in number, even army officers joined them.

Our response to the call for help from Haiti should be prayer. The Haitian National Committee of the WDP have set aside the third Saturday of each month to pray together. June Devolin called upon Canadian Christians to join them.

The service at the Wilberforce United church was led by the Minister Bob McMath.

Readers were June Williams, Hilda Clark, Flo Elliott and Charlie Weedmark.

Wayne Rutter, Pastor of the Wilberforce Gospel Church, read the Call to Commitment.

Elsie Lewis directed the choir which led the singing. The choir's anthem was a very effective combining of 2 hymns, "Reach Out and Touch (a soul that is hungry)", and "Let Your Heart be Broken (for a world in need)".

NDP Sponsors Public Forum

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worker son, and his public sector worker grandchildren become unemployed, he will not have the resources to help them. "We thought these were the good jobs!" he continued.

Another person worried that, "Ontario has never competed before on a low wage basis. ..Ontario is where the good jobs

were!" He wondered, "What will become of us all when minimum and minimal wage become the accepted norm?"

The proposed tax break was a topic with people wondering how high an income level would be necessary to benefit; and more importantly, wondering why, if such drastic cuts are necessary because of debt and deficit, why would this money not be put toward that instead of tax breaks for upper income earners?

After airing of concerns, the talk turned to solutions. NDP party members present generally agreed that the party needs to take on

the distribution of hours of work and distribution of income as a party issue.

"We also need to focus on economic issues," insisted Frances Lankin. "We have always been seen as the party with a heart; now we need to be seen as the party that knows how to manage the economy." Frances Lankin spoke of an "economic literacy" kit to help educate citizens in the issues of our voices heard.

government finance and allow more open discussion of complex issues.

In closing remarks, Ms. Lankin traced the current neo-conservative agenda through its history with Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, and now Mike Harris. "It didn't work for them, and it won't work here," she insisted.

Elmer Buchanan closed by summarizing the ways citizens can make their voices heard.

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MONMOUTH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETS

By Stewart Smith

Monmouth Township Council met in the municipal office in Wilberforce on Monday, March 11.

ROAD SIGNS

Council discussed with Roads Superintendent the sense of "Hidden Driveway" signs and "Children at Play" signs.

Jim Deterling suggested reduced speed limit signs as an alternative. All roads are now

80 k.p.h. unless otherwise declared by Municipal by-law.

Reeve Keith Tallman also suggested that anyone wanting signs should take their request to Council.

LWC ROOF

Tenders were opened for work on the Lloyd Watson Centre roof. Tenders came from:

*Harold Moriarty & Sons Ltd., of Peterborough;
*Rodco Enterprise

755055 Ont. Ltd., of Haliburton;
*The Country Carpenter, of Haliburton; and
*Haliburton Roofing Ltd. of Haliburton.

The Rodco Enterprise bid was substantially lower, at \$7,843.00. Councillors reassured themselves - and this writer - by discussing the past work and reputation of this contractor. "He has done work in this area," Jim Deterling noted.

"I think he's a fine builder," added Keith Tallman. Rodco got the contract.

SWIMMING

A swimming instructor has been chosen for this summer. Council will advertise in another newspaper for assistants.

AMALGAMATION

"Will amalgamation of Townships save any money?" Councillors asked themselves.

"The result will be - less politicians - not as ac-



Reeve Keith Tallman enjoying hockey

cessible - cost you more money - way to go!" insisted Jim Deterling.

Reeve Tallman told of suggestions circulating at County level, and the impetus from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

There is talk of amalgamating Bicroft and Cardiff.

There is talk of some arrangement among the eastern townships of Haliburton County.

Gossip is that Haliburton Village (Dysart) will not give up Harcourt Park, which is high revenue and low maintenance.

"We can't go on the status quo," agreed Rick Forget. But "Look

where your costs are...It's not the municipalities that are costing the great increase to the budget."

"The final decision is made at Monmouth Township," Keith Tallman insisted, "not at County." He spoke confidently of public meetings "here" so that "local people will [have their] say."

DOGS

James Lawr offered the services of himself and his kennels for dog control for the township. "I would charge you [the Township] three days' storage," he offered. Then he would try to find a home for the animal, or have it

put down - possibly at a Humane Society shelter.

There is a by-law that every dog in the Township must have a tag. This is partly for identification of stray animals. There is also a by-law that the owner "must be in control of the dog."

The dog catcher could identify a stray, take it to its owner, and collect the Township's fine.

Monmouth - along with Bancroft, Faraday, Cardiff, and Bicroft - now supports and uses the Dog Pound in Faraday Township.

One Councillor complained of people "walking" dogs by driving in the car, while the dog runs alongside - somewhere.

RECYCLING

Council is sympathetically concerned at the plight of Northern Recycling. This group will not have use of a former Martin Lumber building - at least for a long time - because of an appeal by someone to the Ontario municipal Board.

The entrepreneurs must now take all recyclables to the Toronto area; and are severely restricted in their plans.

Atom Hockey Tournament



Action at the net in the Atom "B" game between Haliburton and Bowmanville

Highland Grove Comm. Centre

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While we are at press, a meeting will be held in Highland Grove to discuss this further. We hope to have a report on that meeting in the April 4 Cardiff Courier.

"That Pioneer Spirit"

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her husband to the farm. Are there really more adjustments on her part than his? Who is asked to clean out the cistern, for example? Actually, someone else finally does the job.

The play is in two acts, of four scenes per act. We cannot name each scene, but might refer to the cider

scene; the bath tub scene; and the birthing scene.

This is an enjoyable and exciting play. The audience will find much of our own rural life and ways of coping shown on stage.

Director is Adele Barnes; Producer is Gerda Goverde.

"That Pioneer Spirit" will be presented in the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, on:

*Saturday, April 20, at 730 p.m.

*Sunday, April 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is by donation at the door.

Do watch for the recipe for "Frying Pan Surprise." It sounds interesting.

Mary Smith Is an NDP Riding President

By Keith Woollard

Community activist Mary Smith, of Lakefield, is the new president of Hastings-Peterborough NDP, succeeding Betty Hay Lambeck of Bancroft.

Officers for 1996-97 were elected at an annual general meeting March 1 in Marmora, following a public forum featuring Frances Lankin, NDP leadership

contender, and Elmer Buchanan, former MPP.

Philip Hughes of Apsley is the new Vice President for Peterborough County. Paul Whittaker of Gilmour continues as Vice President for Hastings County. Elmer Buchanan of Madoc, and Deb Jeffrey of Bancroft were elected members-at-large.

Other new officers are:
*Kathy Wethy, of

Buckhorn, Provincial Council Delegate;

*Betty Dobbie, of Lakefield, membership secretary; Kearsley Schieder-Wethy, Buckhorn, youth officer.

Continuing in office are:

*Patricia Carlos, Apsley, Chief Financial Officer;

*Dan McCaw, Coe Hill, organizer for Hastings County;

*Mary Smith, organizer for Peterborough County;

*Keith Woollard, Otonabee, media secretary.

A secretary and a third member-at-large will be appointed by the executive.

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